

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Carl Colin

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/1/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 8-30 and 32-45.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record 5,455,855 to Hokari teaches a system for connecting a public network subscriber and a private network subscriber in ISDN to make communications possible between them, is comprised of a first exchange for connecting the public network subscriber and the public network, a second exchange for the private network subscriber and the private network, and a plurality of third exchanges for connecting a public line of the public network and a private line of the private network. European Patent Publication EP 841831 A2 to Civanlar et al teaches an apparatus for establishing communications paths over a circuit switched network, a connectionless packet switched network, and a connection-oriented packet switched network, and more particularly to an apparatus for establishing point-to-point or point-to-multipoint audio or video communication over a telephony network, the Internet, and an Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) or a Frame Relay (FR) network. US Patent 6,389,462 to Cohen et al. teaches a method and apparatus that relates to packet-switched computer networks, and more particularly, to a method and apparatus in such a network for transparently intercepting client web requests and redirecting them to proxy caches. The arguments presented by applicant in the brief are persuasive. As stated by applicant, the combination of the cited references does not teach "monitoring communications transmitted between the untrusted device and the trusted IP telephone on the telecommunication link to ensure that the communications are media streaming to maintain the integrity of the trusted network". The prior arts of record taken alone or in

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combination fail to teach, anticipate, suggest, or render obvious the claimed invention.

Consequently, independent claims 1, 2, 14, 26, and 38 are allowable over the prior arts of record.

Claims 3-6, 8-13, 15-25, 27-30, 32-37, and 39-45 are directly or indirectly dependent upon claims 2, 14, 26, and 38, and therefore are also allowable over the prior art of record.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carl Colin whose telephone number is 571-272-3862. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8:00-6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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